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GRID QUEENS—ALREADY... Carol Hauck, 18, of Culver City, and Sunnie Stallings, 17, Leuzinger High, will reign as grid queens at the annual Optimist Club football classic at El Camano Stadium Saturday night. Queen Hauck represents the Pioneer League while Queen Stallings represents the Bay League.

Poultry Ranches of Area To Be Judged Here Today

Judging of the Poultry Ranch Merit Award program for 1957, sponsored by the Poultry Department of Los Angeles County Farm Bureau, will take place today, according to Ken Christofferson, this year's chairman of the Ranch Merit Award committee.

The program, initiated three years ago by the Farm Bureau Poultry Department, is designed to aid in the beautification of local ranches; to improve local ranch sanitation; and to improve the poultryman's public relations with his city neighbors. Chairman Christofferson pointed out that many of the local poultry ranches are well-kept, highly-attractive establishments which are an asset rather than a liability to the community in which they reside, and this program is aimed at making this fact known to the general public as well as showing the way to unimproved poultrymen.

Point Scoring
Judging will take into consideration such factors as general ranch appearance, landscaping, repair and appearance of buildings, freedom from dust and weeds, screening of the poultry area from view of the public, and ranch sanitation.

The tree-man judging teams are composed of unbiased people not connected with the poultry industry, and will include a representative of the Health Department, a local newspaper or radio representative, and a local civic leader.

Award Signs
Ranches which receive a score of 75 points or more, on the 100 point score sheet, will receive an attractive "Award of Merit" sign to hang in front

TROPIC ZONE
Australia has more than three million square miles of domain and of this vast area an estimated one million square miles lie in the tropics.

Chapel Explains New Legislation Permitting Challenge of Judges

By CHARLES EDWARD CHAPEL,
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One of the most important laws enacted during the 1957 regular session of the California State Legislature was Senate Bill No. 829, an act to add Section 170.6 to the Code of Civil Procedure relating to the disqualification of prejudiced judges in civil cases. I carried the same bill except that mine would have applied to both civil and criminal cases.

The State Bar of California, that is the lawyer's organization, actively supported both bills but I agreed to hold mine back while the Senate Bill moved forward because mine was the tougher of the two bills and might have encountered more resistance by the Governor because former Governor Earl Warren twice vetoed a similar bill and Governor Goodwin J. Knight had vetoed a similar bill at a previous session.

Purposes Alike

Briefly, the purpose of both the Senate bill and mine was to permit a party to a legal action to obtain a different judge to hear the case if he believes that he cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial by the judge to whose court the case is originally assigned. Only one such challenge would be permitted on each side. A procedure was established by the State Bar of California for assigning a new judge to try such cases so that there would be little or no delay or inconvenience, and such procedure was written into both bills.

The Senate Bill passed the Senate April 23 and it passed

the Assembly May 24, 1957. It reached the desk of the Governor shortly thereafter and I was informed that there was a strong probability that it might be vetoed as had the previous bills on this subject. Therefore, I wrote several hundred letters to lawyers, principally to those living or practicing in Los Angeles County, with special emphasis on those living or practicing in the 46th Assembly District. I sent each lawyer a copy of the bill and asked him if he liked the bill to write immediately to Governor Knight, asking him to sign it.

Response Good

The response was astounding. More than 150 lawyers sent airmail letters or telegrams to the Governor, urging him to sign the bill. A few wrote to me that they were not convinced that the bill was not necessary but most of those who wrote to me said that it was badly needed and they were pleased to support it. A few days after I started my letter-writing campaign, the Governor told me he had signed the bill and was impressed by the great number of lawyers who suddenly displayed an interest in this legislation. The representative of the State Bar on duty in Sacramento also was notified of the Governor's action and said that he was convinced that letter writing in a case like this actually succeeds.

The opening language of the new law says: "No judge of any superior, municipal or justice court of the State of California shall try any civil action or special proceeding of any kind or character nor hear any matter therein which involves

a contested issue of law or fact when it shall be established as herein provided that such judge is prejudiced against any party or attorney or the interest of any party or attorney appearing in such action or proceeding." The act then goes on to explain in detail how an attorney can get a different judge assigned to hear a case. The procedure is principally of interest to lawyers and not to the general public, hence I shall not set forth the full language of the law.

Protection Given

There are two reasons why I have discussed this new law in this column: (1) The act established much needed protection for lawyers and their clients; (2) the signing of the bill by the Governor after a

similar bill had been vetoed three times before definitely shows how important it is to influence legislative and executive action by the sending of intelligently written letters at the proper time.

Timing is important in all things, including influencing action in matters of government. If the letters from lawyers had been sent to the Governor too soon they would have been much less effective, but their transmission in this case took place at precisely the correct time. For this help, I publicly acknowledge my gratitude to all lawyers who cooperated with me in this action. To those lawyers who did not receive a letter from me, I humbly explain that in the

ing the use of trading stamps, we did not enact any new taxes and we did give the schools money, not as much as they wanted but all that we could give at the recent session.

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